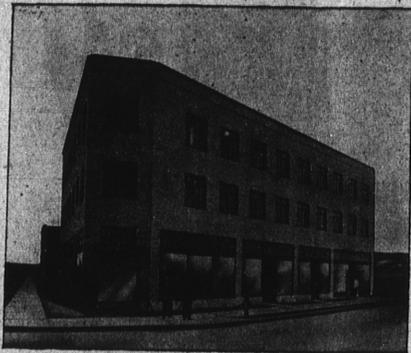


# A Fine Class of Business Houses in Torrance

The picture on this page represents a three-story brick business block located at intersection of Cabrillo and Cravens avenues and Carson street. This building is the property of the Dominguez Land Corporation and was completed the early part of this year. The ground dimensions of the building are 105 feet on Cravens avenue, 86 feet on Cabrillo avenue, 25 feet on Carson street and 96 feet on the north side of the building.

The entire building is occupied, the lower floor being used for stores and the two upper stories serving as an up-to-date rooming and apartment house.

Marx & Moyse, general merchants; J. Isenstein, grocer; H. H. Dolley, druggist, and Hurum E. Reeve, hardware merchant, are the up-to-date and progressive firms doing business on the ground floor and Mrs. Knapp is



proprietress of the Brighton hotel which comprises the second and third floors.

There are forty-two living rooms in the hotel divided into one and two-room suites with bath. There are also four public baths and two shower baths in the hotel and sanitary lavatories. All of the rooms are out-side rooms and there is both hot and cold running water in all of them. The light and ventilation arrangement is perfect throughout the building.

The entire arrangement in the hotel is as near perfect as possible and Mrs. Knapp keeps an ever watchful eye that there may at no time be anything to mar the perfect order of things that would be in any way unpleasant or offensive to the most exacting.

## BUY A LOT IN TORRANCE YOUNG MAN

A little over five years ago a young man bought a 50 foot lot in the "then" small town of Glendora for \$900. This represented his total savings from boyhood. At that time the lot was valuable only for residence purposes but it was on one of the main streets and he was advised that the town would develop and that neighborhood become more valuable. He regularly saved a portion of his wages and three years later built a small store building on half of his lot and rented it for two years to a grocer. In order to do it he had to borrow a few hundred dollars but soon had it paid for. Two other buildings were constructed on lots adjoining his in the meantime, and last year he built another store on the remaining 25 feet and is now receiving \$32 a month from a total investment of about \$2500.

This year a Chicago man bought 100 feet of frontage right opposite this lot and built a two story pressed brick building with four or five stores on the first floor and apartments above. Another building was built on the corner opposite and today the lot which the young man bought for \$900 is easily worth \$5000.

## THE TORRANCE ATHLETIC CLUB TO HAVE NEW HOME

The Torrance Athletic club was organized some months ago in order to devise ways and means by which to entertain the men of our city who cared to become members. It has a membership of sixty-five.

R. R. Smith, is president; H. S. McManus, first vice president; James Burnes, second vice president; Dr. Leake, secretary; M. B. Field, assistant secretary; H. Burmaster, treasurer.

It has one of the brightest outlooks of any athletic club of its age we know of.

A donation of fifteen acres bordering on Western avenue was given by the Dominguez Land & Water company on which the finest clubhouse in the state is soon to be erected.

The largest plunge in the South will also add to the attractiveness of the grounds, as well as the most up-to-date children's playground in the country.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will have a portion of the grounds set aside for them and their clubhouse will be second to none.

They are now working on the plans, which will contain reading rooms, gymnasiums, swimming pools, hot and cold water and everything that goes to make a club of this kind complete.

A plan is under way to have salt water piped in from San Pedro, that they may have hot salt baths, and so far, the club has never started anything it could not finish, so feel quite sure that by the time the clubhouses are complete, and the baths ready, the salt water will be at hand.

They now have three pool tables and one billiard, as well as several card tables.

As soon as the clubhouse is complete more tables will be purchased, but there is not room for more in their present location.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized in May, 1913, in order to assist the Torrance Athletic club in any way possible.

The officers are Mrs. Geo. Watson, president; Mrs. R. R. Smith, vice president, and Mrs. H. S. McManus, secretary-treasurer.

On the evening of June 14th they gave a grand masquerade ball, which proved to be the greatest success, both socially and financially of any social function in the history of Torrance.

During the summer months the Auxiliary held no meetings, but it seems to be cool enough now to continue the meetings, so the ladies are planning to get together and give the Athletic club another pleasant surprise.

## CALIFORNIA SHOE COMPANY MOVES TO TORRANCE

The California Shoe Manufacturing company which has been operating its large plant at Venice for several years past, commenced on Thursday to move its entire plant to Torrance, where it will occupy the large factory building which was recently used by the Fuller Shoe company.

Mr. J. H. Billings, secretary and treasurer and general manager of the company, has purchased one of the fine residences which has just been completed for Mr. J. S. Torrance and will move with his family into the new home at once.

This company manufactures women's, misses, children's, boy's and youth's high grade shoes.

Mr. Billings says that when the plant is in full operation they will employ two hundred people and will

turn out one thousand pairs of finished shoes every twenty-four hours. The plant has a capacity for turning out fifteen hundreds pairs of shoes per day. It may reasonably be expected that under the superior advantages of location at Torrance the company will enjoy a greatly increased business and will in a short time have to enlarge its factory plant to accommodate the increase. Provision has been made for this contingency, however, and there will be no let up of work on account of crowded conditions.

Torrance is to be congratulated upon having this important enterprise locate here and it is to be hoped that this is but the starting point in the acquiring for Torrance of many more large manufacturing institutions.

## The BRIGHTON

Modern Up-to-Date

ROOMING  
HOUSE

Torrance, California

Private Baths

Hot and Cold Water

Two Shower Baths

ROOMS \$2.00 AND UP

## Local Items About Town

Mrs. William Lorensen spent Monday in Los Angeles.

Mrs. R. R. Smith has been quite sick the past week with severe cold. Mr. and Mrs. McDonnal of Los Angeles were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dolley, Sunday.

R. O. Dennison, C. E. Butts, C. A. Paxman and E. U. Keller took a spin in Mr. Dennison's auto Thursday evening, to visit Masonic Lodge in Los Angeles.

Dr. Norman A. Leake reports very important increase in population this week at both Torrance and Lomita. The increase is comprised entirely of Native Sons and Daughters.

Mr. Campbell, an employee of the Union Tool Shops, is entertaining his brother from Franklin, Pa., who arrived here Monday over the Salt Lake. He is a Standard Oil man and runs a pump station in Franklin. He is very much pleased with our little city and expects to remain some time.

### Panama Canal Is Now Unbroken Water Chain

There is now an unbroken chain of water across the Isthmus of Pana-

ma. The water from the Gatun lake began to trickle at 3:34 o'clock Saturday afternoon through the channel opened by dynamite in the Cucuracha slide, which still blocks the Culebra cut.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith and Mr. Guy Wells were the guests of Mr. Miles Scofield of Covina, Saturday night and Sunday.

Edward Sherman and wife of Lomita are the proud parents of a fine boy, which arrived at their home Wednesday morning.

The Jones Hardware Company of Lomita has quit business, and Mr. Reeves, the Torrance Hardware Merchant, is now getting the Lomita trade.

Mrs. Blakeley has returned home from Los Angeles, where she was nursing her son through a very serious spell of pneumonia. She says the boy is doing nicely and will, with care, probably be out in a couple of weeks.

Wanted—Boys and girls to learn the shoe making business. Also shoe fitters in the stitching room at once. California Shoe Manufacturing Co., Torrance, Cal.

# GHOST DANCE!

Auspices Torrance Athletic Club

A big "spooky-ooky" ghost dance  
No one dancing unless they are  
attired in sheet and pillow case.  
Weird show music, fantastic decorations  
and mysterious punch.

## Hallowe'en Night October 30th.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME  
AND ENJOY A GOOD TIME

Admission . . . . . 25 Cents